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Periodic Review and Retention of Existing Regulations Agency Background Document

Agency Name:	Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
VAC Chapter Number:	22VAC20-10
Regulation Title:	Public Participation Guidelines
Action Title:	Periodic Review
Date:	08/10/00

This information is required pursuant to the Administrative Process Act § 9-6.14:25, Executive Order Twenty-Five (98), and Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which outline procedures for periodic review of regulations of agencies within the executive branch. Each existing regulation is to be reviewed at least once every three years and measured against the specific public health, safety, and welfare goals assigned by agencies during the promulgation process.

This form should be used where the agency is planning to retain an existing regulation.

Summary

Please provide a brief summary of the regulation. There is no need to state each provision; instead give a general description of the regulation and alert the reader to its subject matter and intent.

This regulation provides the foundation for the agency's efforts to involve members of the public in any regulatory action of the agency. It establishes the processes for the agency to provide notification to the public of opportunities for comment, for the public to petition agency regulatory action, and for special advisory committees for assistance in regulatory review and development.

Basis

Please identify the state and/or federal source of legal authority for the regulation. The discussion of this authority should include a description of its scope and the extent to which the authority is mandatory or discretionary. Where applicable, explain where the regulation exceeds the minimum requirements of the state and/or federal mandate.

Virginia Code §9-6.14:7.1 requires state agencies to develop, adopt and utilize Public Participation Guidelines. Virginia Code §63.1-85.4.9 authorizes the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to promulgate regulations as may be necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the agency.

Public Comment

Please summarize all public comment received as the result of the Notice of Periodic Review published in the Virginia Register and provide the agency response. Where applicable, describe critical issues or particular areas of concern in the regulation. Also please indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.

The Department did not receive any public comment during the Periodic Review.

Effectiveness

Please provide a description of the specific and measurable goals of the regulation. Detail the effectiveness of the regulation in achieving such goals and the specific reasons the agency has determined that the regulation is essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens. Please assess the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability. In addition, please indicate whether the regulation is clearly written and easily understandable by the individuals and entities affected.

The Department has found the current regulation to be effective in meeting the goal of increasing the number of Virginians who receive information about the agency's regulatory actions.

Alternatives

Please describe the specific alternatives for achieving the purpose of the existing regulation that have been considered as a part of the periodic review process. This description should include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and this regulation reflects the least burdensome alternative available for achieving the purpose of the regulation.

Because this regulation is required under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, there is no alternative that is less burdensome.

Recommendation

Please state that the agency is recommending that the regulation should stay in effect without change.

The agency recommends that this regulation should stay in effect without change.

Family Impact Statement

Please provide an analysis of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which it: 1) strengthens or erodes the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourages or discourages economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthens or erodes the marital commitment; and 4) increases or decreases disposable family income.

This regulation does not have a direct impact on the institution of the family or family stability.